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Ex-War Minister ARAKI and
St. Francis of Assisi.

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SHIMBUN."

(Translation)

The title of this article may at first be surprising to our readers. However, the other day, a German reporter put a question to General ARAKI, Sadao and asked: "Whom do you admire most outside the Japanese?" To this query, he is said to have replied: "I like Napoleon Bonaparte.... but, it is St. Francis of Assisi that I love better".

If this is true, we can see that in his heart the General has a spiritual realm deeper than we ordinary people imagine.

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The foregoing paragraph was published in the "KAMI-NO-KUNI SHIMBUN" (The Kingdom of God Newspaper). I, the publisher of this paper, had long been wishing to read about St. Francis, therefore, I felt even a kind of curiosity when I got this article and read it with great interest. If this report is true at all, then, apart from the question as to what degree the General loves and approaches the Saint and is stirred by him, stirred by him,

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I can imagine a sweet aspect of the General, wherein he sympathizes with this Saint and cherishes, above this physical world, a noble spiritual life of another world that hold communion with unseen spirits. My love and esteem for the General have been increased all the more because of my discovery of the very fountainhead which brings forth this greatness of his. It is quite reassuring for Japan to have such an admirable man like our General Araki.

What sort of a man was St. Francis of Assisi, whom General ARAKI said he loved more than Napoleon? In this connection, I shall herunder give an outline sketch of the life of this Saint, for to know this Saint will not only enable us to touch the very core of the character of this Saint, but also serve as a means to understand General Araki's mentality.

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I, HASUOKA, Takaaki, associate counsel, International Military Tribunal for the Far East, hereby certify that the said person signed and affixed her seal in my presence.

Signed at the above-mentioned place

On the above-mentioned date.

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荒木前首相と聖フランシス

「神の國新聞」から

この題目は蓋だ突飛な題目のやうに見受けられるかも知れぬが、先般ド
イツの一新聞記者が荒木前夫大將に向つて「日本人以外では誰が一番お
好きか」と問はしめて「ナポレオン。。。。しかし一層深く愛す
る者は、フランシスである」と應へられたといふ。
果して然りとせば、同大將の胸中に、普通吾人の想像より奥深き世
界をみることを得てゐたかも知れぬ。

これは神の國新聞に掲げられたものであります。たま／＼、聖フランシス
スについて讀みたいと心動いて居つた折りしも、之を手にして、一種
の好奇心の上ふなものさへ書き出でこの記事を読みました。
果して眞實であるとせば、荒木大將が、どの程度まで、聖フランシスを
愛して居たか、血をわかせて居るかは、別の問題とし

して、大將が、この聖者と共鳴して、其胸中に、物質の此の世を留めて、目に見えない、靈の氣息に呼吸する別世界の偉大な生活を抱蔵して居らるゝ、ゆかしさを想見して、そこに大將の偉大さを産み出す産褥があるのであるかと、以前にまさる救愛が加はつて、我等の荒木大將として、この人を持つことは我が國日本のために意を強くするのであります。

この機會に於て荒木大將がナポレオンよりも一層深く愛すると云はれた聖者アツツジのフランシスは如何なる人であるか、この聖者を知ることには、荒木大將の心境を窺ふとすがたのみならず、我等も亦その琴線に觸れるべくそのあらしを左に紹介することに致しました。

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